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JUBILARIANS

During 1936-37 the Province will have two Jubilarians celebrating their 60th year in the Society, Father Culligan on July 30, 1937, Father Gleeson on October 2, 1937.

STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

That we may not forget to send stamps to Mt. St. Michael's for the Missions, the following figures serve as a reminder and an encouragement. From August 1935 to June 1936, $580.00 have been been sent to our Jesuit Missions. China received $250.00; Alaska $205.00; Indian Missions, $105.00; Bagdad, $25.00.

ALMA

The newcomers from Oregon: Messrs. Auvil, Conway, Evoy, Flajole, Geis, Green, Larkin, McNeil, Meckes, O'Brien, O'Leary, Toner, Weller. Mr. Oswald who goes into 3rd year.

From other Provinces: Father Eric Kotzki (Germany), Mr. Walmsley Smith (Australia-Ireland), Mr. Edward Timmons (Chicago).

A band of theologians headed by Father Bart O'Neill went to Leonard on June 29 to prepare the villa. They built a kitchen and dining room 100x25. They cleaned and renovated one of the farm buildings which was donated by Miss Kate Leonard and was moved to the villa site. The building serves as a chapel and store-house. Upstairs there are six rooms for visitors and the Fathers. Some 70 tents, a gift obtained through Father Hubbard, were pitched on the bluff overlooking the sea. When the theologians came on July 23 for the opening of the villa, they were surprised and delighted with what had been done.

On August 8, at the close of summer school, some 40 teachers came to Leonard, taxing its accommodations for about a week.

Brother Wallace is sachristan and general manager for the kitchen and dining room at Alma.

Brother Lea went to Bellarmine.

During the summer several of the fourth year Fathers had their first experience in the ministry in the Fresno Diocese. Father Magner immediately went into the Fresno Chinatown. The Fathers earned their bread at the sweat of their brow in Fresno, Hanford, Stevinson and Hollister.

LOS ALTOS

With the Archbishop's approval, Father McFadden and Leo Cunningham invited the National Retreat Association to hold its next Conference in San Francisco. U. S. F. will be the scene of the Convention in June 1937.

In May, Father Feeley gave a retreat to 46 U. S. F. Seniors.

The following interesting figures (exclusive of the clergy who made retreats at El Retiro) are taken from the Historia Domus, 1935-36.

Jan. 1935-Dec. 1936, 44 retreats, 878 retreatants.

Jan. 1936-July 9, 1936, 28 retreats, 732 retreatants. This is the largest total for the half-year. In 1930, the second largest number, 670, occurred. In 1935, the number did not rise to 700 until September.

SAN FRANCISCO

The summer session had a total of 180, which included approximately 80 religious from the Society, the Christian Brothers and the Sisters. Other summer schools were opened this year in San Francisco and kept the attendance lower than hoped for.

Dr. Charles Kinnane, S.J.D., Dean of the Law School, holds his Law degree from Yale. He was formerly Dean of Law at the University of Wyoming, and professor of law at Loyola University, Chicago.

Thomas Healy, freshman, was

drowned trying to swim the dangerous rapids at Yosemite National Park.

Father Cody accompanied 11 high school students to the Sodality Convention, St. Louis. They passed their resolution for proper reverence in speech.

Father Davis taught history at the summer session of Gonaza U.

Father Lyons who is Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has also taken over Father Al Whelan's chaplaincy at the County Jail.

Father Clark, Chaplain at Alcatraz and Angel Island, assists Father Stern in the City and County Hospital.

Father C. Buckley has succeeded Father Semeria as Dean of Men.

A parade grounds has been laid out for the University R. O. T. C. unit. The barracks and equipment center are in the rear of the college.

Brother Johnson is sachristan. Brother Wallace is at Alma.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Five retreatas were given to laymen at Loyola University. The retreat masters and attendance were: Father McCummiskey, 39. Father Connolly, 20. Father Edw. Whelan, 36. Father L. Malone, 20. Father Duce, 20.

Father Wales teaches English.

Father Daze is Spiritual Father of the students.

LOS GATOS

Brother Reinkey took his Last Vows, August 15.

On July 30, 25 scholastic novices entered.

On August 30, 29 Juniors left for philosophy.

Some five Brother Postulants are entering during the summer.

SANTA BARBARA

For some time we have tried to acquire a better building for the Girls' High. The Washington School building standing between our Grammar School and High School has been idle for years. The parish wanted to buy or rent it. The city then discovered it needed the building. The last phase was that the parish trade in its present high school site as part payment for the purchase of the Washington. The parish would acquire a serviceable school building and a piece of property 200x 200. The board had asked $23,000. With the exchange they would take $17,000. On August 17, the initial payment, $2300, was made.

Fathers Ivancovich and McCummiskey gave an excellent mission which was very well attended.

Father George Butler is improved enough to be at Santa Barbara.

Father Bassett was not well enough to go to U. S. F. He is the Minister of the house.

VARIA

Registration looks very good. In July there were about 171 applications for Freshman at U. S. F. and Santa Clara. Santa Clara expects about 400 all told. Bellarmine has 60 applications for boarders; it lost 30 boarders by graduation. St. Ignatius High is reported a little below normal. Loyola High is over-crowded.

Father Assistant gave the retreat to the ordinandi of the American College.

Father Giambastiani was ordained July 25 by Cardinal Marchetti, in St. Ignatius, Rome. With Father Maher as assistant priest, he said his first Mass, July 26, at the tomb of St. Peter. His father ,a man of 82, received at the Mass.

Father James Donodue was appointed Rector of Bellarmine on August 19. Father McCann took Father Donohue's place at Loyola High.

Father William Deeney was canonically installed as Pastor of St. Joseph's, San Jose, on August 2, by Father Edward Maher, Dean in San Jose.

St. Clare's Historia Domus gives interesting figures and data. In the year there were 15 converts, 119 First Communions, 185 confirmed. The Holy Family catechism classes were attended by 225 public school boys and 275 public school girls. The parish has in the parochial school 260, public grammar school 423, Catholic high 43, public high 202; Catholic college 15; public college 8.

Father Henry will be chaplain for the Good Shepherds in Los Angeles. Father Belanger is assistant pastor at Blessed Sacrament. Father Deignan teaches Religion at Santa Clara.

Father Curran and Father O'Brien went to Ireland during the summer. Father Curran could not take the trip to the Holy Land on account of the unsettled conditions in Palestine.

Father Huesman and Mr. Finnegan spent the summer at Jersey improving their French.

CHINA

Fathers George Dunne and Lipman preached in San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, preparatory to the departure of this year's contingent for China.

The Departure Ceremony was held in San Francisco, August 2. Father Lipman was celebrant; Father George Dunne, deacon; Mr. Clifford, sub-deacon. The 40 Scholastics of the summer school were all in the sanctuary, so that some 70 Jesuits were on the altar, making the ceremony truly grand.

Father Lipman, and Mr. Daniel Clifford and Mr. Richard Meagher sailed from San Francisco on the General Pershing, August 10.

Father Provincial will follow them to China in October. Father General wishes him to visit his men and to see for himself what is being done in China.

Father Kearney has had to struggle with the problem of clearing the ground at Nanking for the Institute Building. The removal of squatters is a very long and almost hopeless task.

The next difficulty is to secure an official measurement of the property; until the measurement is made, it is useless to apply for permission to build. The hope was that things could be so adjusted that building might start on August 15. Father Diniz, S.J., will supervise the building. He put up a church at Zo-se. Father Kearney is trying to get part of the building finished before winter, so that he can begin to receive students next February.

It seems that the legations are to be transferred from Peiping, where they are diplomatically useless, to Nanking. The new American Embassy is being built by the same man who is to work on our building. The British have just decided to come, the rest will follow. This will make Nanking de facto as well as de jure China's chief city. A new bishop has just been appointed for Nanking, young, intelligent, a former pupil of the Aurora, well disposed toward the Americans, from whom he hopes much.

BROTHER WILLIAM REILLY

1895 —Mar. 28, born in Brooklyn.
1925 —Apr. 27, entered Los Gatos.
1925-27—Novice, Los Gatos.
1927-32—Engineer, Los Gatos.
1932-34—Porter, Los Gatos.
1934-36—Refectorian, Loyola U.
1936 —Jun. 2, died Los Angeles.

Brother Reilly was bright and quick. He had a seaman engineer's license; he also worked for the Telephone Company as a "trouble shooter". As time went on he became deaf, but was remarkably gifted in reading the lips. During retreat, if he could see the lips of the director, he could get the ideas and the laughs as well as any one.

Madame Reilly of the Madames of the Sacred Heart, his sister, is a highly educated woman.

At Los Gatos Brother Reilly had charge of the boiler room and the water system. At times he was very sick, and occasionally had to go to the hospital. In spite of it all, he was habitually cheerful. He had a quick temper, which he strove hard to master, and which he usually had well under control.

At Loyola University he was sacristan, refectorian, with one or two other minor duties.

He was taken ill at the close of May, 1936. The doctors opened him up, as he had been suffering for years from a bad kidney. They drained off a large quantity of pus, but did not dare remove the kidney. Some days later, pneumonia set in. He was anointed on June 1, and he was bravely ready to go "if it was the Lord's will," a favorite expression of his. He died June 2.

His remains occupy the last grave in our second Santa Clara plot.

FATHER JOSEPH C. DeROP

1865 —July 28, born in Antwerp.
1884 —Sept. 20, admitted by Father Congiato. Came from Apostolic School Tournhout.
1884-86—Novice, Santa Clara.
1886-88—Junior, Santa Clara.
1888-91—Philosopher, San Francisco.
1891-97—Teacher, S. F., Sta. Clara.
1897-00—Theology, Rome.
1900-01—Tertian, Florissant.
1901-03—Teacher, San Francisco.
1903-05—Oper., St. Jos., San Jose.
1905-08—Sick, Mexico.
1908-09—White Haven, Penn.
1909-11—St. Stephen's, Wyo.
1911-14—Assist, Seattle Coll.
1914-15—St. Joseph's, San Jose.
1915-16—Pendleton, Ore.
1916-17—Pres. Blood, San Jose.
1917-18—St. Leo's, Tacoma.
1918-20—Holy Family, San Jose.
1920-22—Tacoma, Wash.
1922-23—Holy Family, San Jose.
1923-26—El Paso.
1926-27—Albuquerque.
1927-28—Oper., Santa Clara.
1928-30—Los Angeles.
1930-33—Santa Barbara.
1933-34—Loyola High.

1934-36—Santa Barbara.
1936 —June 13, died, S. Barbara.

Father De Rop is the first, says Father Gleeson, to really work for the Italians in San Jose, Tacoma and Seattle. In San Jose he used to seek out Italian boys and girls. He soon knew them all by name, and had 300 of them coming to catechism classes held in a winery, a barn, a bakery, and taught by himself, Fr. Gleeson and another Jesuit and by externs. As a result there are various Italian churches in San Jose, Tacoma and Seattle.

BROTHER GILES E. GOUGH

1880 —Oct. 1, born, Leonardtown.
1924 —Apr. 11, entered Los Gatos.
1924-26—Novice, Los Gatos.
1926-28—Clothesroom, Los Gatos.
1928-29—Phoenix.
1929-30—Gardener, Los Gatos.
1930-31—Refectorian, Santa Clara.
1931-33—Olives, Los Gatos.
1933-36—Cur. val., Los Gatos.
1935 —Feb. 2, Last Vows, Los Gat.
1936 —July 22, died, San Jose.

Brother Gough was born in Leonardtown, Maryland, of Ignatius P. Gough and Jane C. Dyer. Before entering the Society, he was a successful salesman, though the article he sold always raised a laugh. He dealt in jelly beans. The illness which so soon afflicted him, prevented one from realizing the former efficiency. It was a sort of creeping paralysis, borne most patiently and bravely, which made him more and more helpless, and finally rendered him a hopeless invalid. For his Last Vows he was seated in an invalid's chair and wheeled to the foot of the altar. He finally died of pneumonia.

OUR CEMETERY PLOTS

One morning during the wait for a funeral at the cemetery, the following information was gathered:

In the first plot there are 7 rows with 12 in a row, and one extra body, giving a total of 85 in the plot. The first three buried in this plot are: Peter Molloy, a novice, died Dec. 20, 1857; Br. Dan Brown, died Aug. 1, 1856; Br. Michael Lenahan, died Apr. 2, 1869. The last three in the plot are: Fr. Henry Imoda, died May 12, 1902; Fr. Joseph Caredda, died May 14, 1903; Mr. John Pereira, died Aug. 17, 1903. It is interesting to note the year in which Father Imoda died according to the stone-cutter. The headstone gives the year as MIXII.

In the second plot there are 7 rows with 18 graves in a row, giving the total of 126 in this plot. The first two are Br. George Norris, died Feb. 10, 1904; Fr. Thomas Leonard, died June 26, 1904. The last three are Fr. Henry Woods, died May 4, 1936; Br. Harold Michon, died May 5, 1936; Br. William Reilly, died June 2, 1936.

In the third, the present plot, there are 9 rows with 28 graves in a row. The first two buried here are: Fr. Joseph De Rop, died June 13, 1936; Br. Giles Gough, died July 22, 1936.

COURAGE AND FAITH

Mr. Kern who has been studying Spanish with Father Rossi at Ysleta College, reports some remarkable instances of faith and courage. One in the community attributes his vocation to the fact that a month after Father Pro's death, he underwent torture in the same prison in which Father Pro was martyred and at the hands of the same men who took Father Pro prisoner. Another fought a hopeless fight in a Cristero campaign in godless Sonora. He was condemned to death for his part in the campaign, and was released only by a mistake. Two spent three months in the terrible Islas Marias for daring to live their faith in the time of Calles. Two others had brothers who paid the supreme price for their loyalty to Cristo Rey. There is hardly one in the community who has not tasted fully the bitterest dregs of the chalice of persecution. Their vocations are also due in part to the heroic labor and intrepid zeal of our Fathers in Mexico, who are making perhaps the largest contributions in keeping the Faith alive in Mexico.

DEATHS IN THE ASSISTANCY

Fr. Fred Macdonnell, May 25, New Or.
Br. Wm. Reilly, June 2, Los Angeles.
Fr. Pastor Molina, June 9, Mexico.
Br. J. Galdos, June 10, Spokane.
Fr. Jos. De Rop, June 13, S. Barbara.
Fr. George Wall, July 3, Jersey.
Fr. Wm. McMillan, July 15, Seattle.
Br. G. Gough, July 22, San Jose.
Mr. Thad. Parolik, Aug. 12, Spokane.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES

Brother of Father Mootz.
Mother of Mr. Tichenor.
Kathleen, sister of Mr. Kern.
Father of Br. Aldana.